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Noted Speakers at National P.T.A. Convention in Richmond, Virginia, May 3–7

Theme: The Place of the Home in the Community *Headquarters: John Marshall Hotel*

Judge Allen to Speak

One of America's foremost women jurists, Judge Florence E. Allen, of Columbus, Ohio, will speak at the Convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers in Richmond, Virginia, on Sunday afternoon, May 2. A Tree Planting Ceremony on the State House grounds, honoring Congress Founders, will follow Judge Allen's address. Mrs. Fred M. Raymond, National Chairman of Founders Day, is in charge of arrangements for the afternoon program.

Judge Allen was appointed by President Roosevelt in 1934 as the first woman judge on a U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a native of Salt Lake City, was educated at Western Reserve, Chicago, and New York universities. Before she became a lawyer she had done musical correspondence in Germany for American musical journals, been musical editor of a Cleveland paper and lectured on music in New York City schools. She was active in the suffrage campaign from 1911 to 1913. In 1914, she was admitted to the Ohio bar and after several years of practice in Cleveland, she served as assistant Cuyahoga County prosecutor. She was then elected judge of the Common Pleas Court in Cleveland, and promoted quickly by successive elections to two six-year terms on the Ohio Supreme Court. It was from this court that she was appointed to the second highest Federal court.

Eduard C. Lindeman will speak at the Thursday evening session, May 6. His subject will be "Modern Trends and Developments in Public Recreation." Dr. Lindeman is Professor of Social Philosophy, New York School of Social Work, and Director, Recreation Projects, Works Progress Administration, Washington, D. C.

Virginia's famous Blue Ridge Mountains offer many scenes of unparalleled beauty, such as the above view from the pinnacle of Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah National Park. Delegates to the National Convention in Richmond, May 3-7, will have an opportunity to see many spots of historic interest and beauty in the state. As a finale to the National Convention, a pilgrimage of Convention delegates is planned on Friday, May 7, to Jamestown, oldest English settlement in America; historic Williamsburg, recently restored to its colonial appearance by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; and Yorktown, where General Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington, ending the Revolutionary War. Richmond has many interesting sites associated with the early history of America, including St. John's Church, where Patrick Henry uttered the immortal phrase "Give me liberty or give me death."

Dr. Thomas H. Parran, Jr., Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., will address the general session on Tuesday morning, May 4, on the topic "The Health of the Community."

Other speakers include Dr. W. Taliaferro Thompson, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond; Dr. Forrest Long, Professor of Education, New York University; and Douglas S. Freeman, Editor, *The News Leader*, Richmond.

Formal opening of the Convention is scheduled for Monday morning, May 3, at 10 o'clock, at which state presidents will be platform guests. Presentation of the Convention theme, "The Place of the Home in the Community," by the National President, will be followed by reports of Convention committees and National Officers. A symposium on the topic "Home and School Unite for Finer Community Life," in which ten national committee chairmen will participate, is the main feature of the morning session.

National P.T.A. Convention Plans Nearly Complete

Pre-Convention Events

Beginning on Friday, April 30, a number of important Pre-Convention meetings will be held at Richmond. Special committees of the National Board will meet on Friday, including the following:

Budget—Mrs. Hugh Bradford, California, Chairman.
Bylaws Revisions—Mrs. Louis R. Fulton, Kansas, Chairman.
Congress Development—Mrs. A. H. Reeve, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
Convention Management—Mrs. Hugh Bradford, Chairman.
Convention Rules—Mrs. B. C. Clark, California, Chairman.
Cooperation with Colored Congress—Mrs. Charles D. Center, Georgia, Chairman.
Cooperative Relationships—Mrs. Hamilton Shaffer, Ohio, Chairman.
Goals—Mrs. A. B. Shuttleworth, Colorado, Chairman.
Legislation Study—Mrs. Mary T. Bannerman, Washington, D. C., Chairman.
Nominate Chairmen—Mrs. Simon S. Lapham, Rhode Island, Chairman.
Congress Publications—Mrs. F. M. Hosmer, New York, Chairman.
Reorganization—Mrs. William Kletzer, Oregon, Chairman.
Resolutions—Miss Ellen C. Lombard, Washington, D. C., Chairman.
State and National Relations—Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson, Washington, Chairman.
Study of Congress Publications—Mrs. Ralph Brodie, New York, Chairman.

On Saturday, May 1, the National Board of Managers will meet. The State Presidents' Conference, composed of presidents of the 49 state branches of the National Congress, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Beaumont W. Whitaker, Kentucky state president, will meet Saturday evening, at 8:30 o'clock. The National Chairmen's Conference, led by Mrs. William J. Hayes, of California, will also take place at 8:30 P.M.; department directors will meet with the national chairmen.

The annual meeting of the State Presidents' Club, whose membership comprises past state presidents, as well as those now in office, will take the form of a breakfast-luncheon, Sunday, May 2, at 11:30 A.M. Mrs. William A. Hastings, Wisconsin state president, and president of the Club, is in charge of the program.

A Tree Planting Ceremony, honoring the Congress Founders, will be held on the State House grounds, Sunday afternoon, May 2, at 3:00 o'clock.

State Pioneers Honored

State Congress pioneers will be guests of honor at the session on Wednesday evening, May 5, at the Richmond Mosque. Each state will be represented in a ceremony, "The Steps of the Pioneers," at which states will be introduced in the chronological order in which they were organized as state branches. Among those appointed to represent the state Congresses are:

Delaware—Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, Dover.
Michigan—Mrs. Desselee Ryan Dudley, Battle Creek, and Miss Clara Wheeler, Grand Rapids, who was national chairman of kindergarten extension for many years.
Pennsylvania—Mrs. E. E. Kiernan, Philadelphia.
Texas—Mrs. Ella Caruthers Porter, Dallas.

A list of the state pioneers will be published in the Convention program.

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The Unique Function of Education in American Democracy is the title of a new book published by the Educational Policies Commission. While it is designed primarily for school administrators, it is in many respects valuable to parents and teachers. Order from the Educational Policies Commission, National Education Association, 1201 16th Street N. W., Washington, D. C. Price 50 cents.

National Mothersingers

A concert by the National Mothersingers Chorus, under the leadership of Mayme E. Irons, National Chairman of Music, at the close of the session on Wednesday evening, May 5, will be the outstanding musical event of the week. The National Chorus is made up of representatives of Mothersingers groups from every section of the country. Groups have practiced for months on the numbers chosen for the Convention chorus by Miss Irons. The selections include: "Hymn to the Morning," by Wagner-Wilson; "Where'er You Walk," by Handel-Wentworth; "Morning Now Beckons," a Czechoslovakian Folksong arranged by Manney; "Koosheo," by Ferris; and "Dedication," by Franz-Daggett. Rehearsals will be held on Monday and Tuesday.

Exhibits

Exhibits at the Richmond Convention will be designed to throw the spotlight on guidance material for parent-teacher associations published by the National Congress. In planning the exhibit, special consideration is being given to the usefulness of each section of the exhibit as it relates to the work of local delegates. Main divisions of the exhibit will be National Congress publications, *National Parent-Teacher* magazine, and national committees. Publications of cooperating agencies will also be shown. Owing to limited space, states are not asked to send extended exhibits this year. A place for material from states wishing to send procedure books or any exhibit in compact form will be provided.

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The Horace Mann Centennial is being observed during 1937. The National Education Association has prepared excellent program material, which parent-teacher associations may adapt for their use. Joy Elmer Morgan, Editor, *National Education Association Journal*, and Secretary, Horace Mann Centennial Committee of the National Education Association, has prepared a book, *Horace Mann, His Ideas and Ideals*, published by the National Home Library Foundation, Washington, D. C. Price 25 cents.

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Full Quotas

Full quotas of voting delegates will be sent to the Convention by a number of states, it is anticipated. In addition, all states are invited to send as many visiting delegates as possible. Mrs. Walter Bowen, New Jersey state president, tells us that New Jersey expects to exceed its quota—that one of the worries facing the state is apportioning the credential cards on an equitable basis, in order to disappoint no county; all counties expect to send delegations.

Mrs. Howard H. Hall, state president, writes that Pennsylvania expects to have a full quota.

North Carolina will hold its state convention simultaneous with the National Convention, and Mrs. J. Buren Sidbury, state president, writes that they expect to have a large number of people present.

We heard early in the season that a touring party from West Virginia was contemplated and that New England was planning a special train; so far the rumors have not been authenticated, but we hope plans are going forward.

Convention Committee

The Convention management for the National Convention is made up of the following National Board members: Mrs. Hugh Bradford, Chairman; Mrs. Simon S. Lapham; Mrs. W. A. Hastings. Mrs. B. F. Langworthy and Dr. W. T. Sanger are ex officio members. Representing the Virginia Congress, in addition to Dr. Sanger, are Miss Cornelia Adair and Mrs. G. Randolph Smith.

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"The sale of the National Parent-Teacher in PTA's is different from the sale of other magazines," says Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson, National Magazine Chairman. "As the official magazine of the organization it is one of the major parent-teacher projects of the Congress and a vital part of its educational program. To promote its use is merely another way to promote a parent education program and to stimulate interest in home and school cooperation."

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers
Requests the Honor of Your Presence
At Its Forty-First Annual Convention

in

Richmond, Virginia

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You Are Cordially Invited

Everybody is invited to attend the National Convention. You don't have to be a voting delegate to derive full benefit from the sessions. As usual, it is expected that visiting delegates at Richmond will far outnumber the voting delegates. Why not join the crowd from your state and enjoy the fun of traveling with the group?

Advise your state president of your plans; she may be able to put you in touch with other delegates from your state. Fill in the form below or send a postal to the National Office, indicating your intention to attend the Convention, and listing the conference topics in which you are particularly interested.

TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

I plan to attend the National Convention in Richmond, May 3-7. I am particularly interested in conferences on the following subjects:

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Signed _____

PTA Connection _____

Street _____

City _____ *State* _____

WANTED—For exhibit at the National Convention — attractive local P.T.A. news bulletins and programs.

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Narcotic Education Week was observed February 21-28. A revised pamphlet on the peril of Marihuana is available from the World Narcotic Defense Association, 478 Madison Avenue, New York City. Special study is being given to the problem of Marihuana this year by the state Congresses.

International Relations

Pan American Day will be observed April 18. Free program material, plays, and pageants, may be had from the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C.

World Goodwill Day will be observed May 18. A program booklet may be ordered from the World Federation of Education Associations, 1201 16th St. N. W., Washington, D. C. Price 15 cents.

Spring State Conventions—1937

State	Date	City	Headquarters	National Speaker
Ala.	April 21-23	Birmingham	Thomas Jefferson Hotel	Dr. A. F. Harman
Calif.	May 24-27	Pasadena	Civic Auditorium	
	Theme: "Peace Through Understanding"			
Conn.	April 12-13	New Haven	Taft Hotel	Mary England
	Theme: "Character Education—the Joint Responsibility of Home, School, Community"			
Ga.	April 12-14	Savannah	DeSoto Hotel	Mrs. B. F. Langworthy
	Theme: "Character Building and Efficiency in the Home and School"			
Ida.	April 1- 3	Idaho Falls	Hotel Bonneville	Mrs. J. K. Pettengill
	Theme: "A Home-School-Community Responsibility"			
Ill.	April 14-17	Bloomington	Illinois Hotel	
	Theme: "Lift Up a Standard for the People"			
Ind.	April 20-22	Indianapolis	Claypool Hotel	Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt
Kans.	April 8- 9	Manhattan	Wareham Hotel	Marian Telford
	Theme: "The Security of the Kansas Child"			
Ky.	April 20-22	Frankfort		Mrs. F. M. Hosmer
La.	April 15-17	Shreveport	Washington-Youree Hotel	Mrs. Noyes D. Smith
	Theme: "Onward Education"			
Mich.	May 19-21	Petoskey	Perry Hotel	
	Theme: "Emerging Trends, A Challenge to Parents and Teachers"			
Mont.	May 17-18			Mrs. John E. Hayes
N.Hamp.	April 15-16	Manchester	Hotel Carpenter	Mary England
	Theme: "Educational Responsibility"			
N. Car.	May 3- 7	Richmond, Va.	Jefferson Hotel	
Ore.	April 13-16			Mrs. John E. Hayes
R. I.	April 19-20	Providence		Alice Sowers
S. Car.	April 27-28	Charleston		Mary England
Tenn.	April 27-29	Chattanooga	Patten Hotel	Mrs. Hamilton Shaffer
Utah	March 29-31	Salt Lake City		Mrs. J. K. Pettengill
Wash.	May 18-21	Yakima		
Wis.	April 20-22	Green Bay	Hotel Northland	Mrs. M. P. Summers
	Theme: "Conserving Human Resources—Our Greatest National Asset"			

News From State Branches

CONNECTICUT Fairfield County Council will sponsor a series of 14 weekly radio broadcasts, based on *Our Homes*, edited by Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt. Libraries and schools are cooperating in publicizing the broadcasts.

NEW YORK The annual parent-teacher institute at Cornell University will be held April 12-16 under auspices of the New York State Congress.

TENNESSEE Tennessee Congress will send two of its district directors to the National Convention. The lucky pair will represent the districts showing the greatest net increase in individual members and number of new units in 1936-37.

OREGON "To Know Is to Grow," a catechism on the contents of the *National Parent-Teacher* magazine, was presented as a group project at the parent-teacher institute in Portland, in March.

UTAH A parent-teacher section was held in connection with Leadership Week at Brigham Young University, at Provo recently. Mrs. John E. Hayes, Auxiliary Field Worker, conducted classes each day, outlining the program, procedures, plans, and function of each committee and department, showing how each fitted into the picture.

Over one thousand members registered for one or more classes. Several state officers gave instructions in their departments.—*Mrs. W. Hartlett Powell, Publicity Chairman, Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers.*

PARENT - TEACHER RADIO FORUM ON GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD

NBC BLUE NETWORK
WEDNESDAY, 4:00-4:30 P. M., E.S.T.

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April 7
Physical Education for Growing Children
C. W. Savage, Professor Emeritus of Physical Education, Oberlin College.

April 14
Disease and the Doctor's Side of Growth
Joseph Brennemann, Chief of Staff, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago

April 21
The Effects of Family Income on a Child's Growth
Martha M. Eliot, Assistant Chief, Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor

April 28
The Effect of Child Labor on Growth
Richard A. Bolt, Director, Cleveland Child Health Association; Lecturer, University of California

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Dr. E. L. Fox, Professor of History at Randolph Macon College, has been chosen Executive Secretary of the Cooperative Education Association, which is the Virginia Branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, to succeed the late J. H. Montgomery.

For a number of years Dr. Fox has been an active worker in the affairs of the Cooperative Education Association, has been one of its vice-presidents, a member of its board of managers, and on several committees. In recent years he has taught the summer credit course at the University of Virginia which features community organization work including community leagues and parent-teacher associations.

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A mimeographed outline on the parent-teacher movement for use in teacher education institutions has recently been issued by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Sample copies have been sent to the state presidents. Price 25 cents.